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Dear Executive Director Snow:

I am writing to comment on the CalFed plan in progress. I am a member of the Lassen Forest Preservation Group. We are a group of interested citizens who monitor the activities of the US Forest Service on government lands. We are greatly concerned about the CalFed plan because of its endorsement of the Quincy Library Group Plan for the forests. We oppose the QLG plan for many reasons and, as you know this bill has been stalled in congress.

The alternatives proposed for CalFed ignore the real potential for meeting our water need with conservation and efficiency. CalFed plans to conserve 1% of the water used by agriculture while innovative farmers now show savings of up to 50%. Californians have shown, by the remarkable reduction in electricity usage in the last years, that conservation works.

I oppose the plan for 23 new or expanded reservoirs and canals - and especially the idea of a Peripheral Canal.

Please consider the many other alternatives that conservation groups are proposing. Please make restoration and protection of our watersheds and groundwater a fundamental part of the program.

Please enter these comments into the formal record for you Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement.

Sincerely,



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